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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT: Unclassified Civil Defense Statement

1. We have tried to prepare a statement along the lines drafted by you; as you can see we have been forced to make some important departures. We are satisfied that sources and methods are protected against specific identification in the paper and that the limited quantification of effectiveness included is reasonably derived, though uncertain.

2. The paper previously provided you for possible declassification has been reviewed by members of the interagency working group that prepared the original Intelligence Memorandum on civil defense, though not by the NFIB itself. This paper breaks some new ground which has not been coordinated throughout the Community. Because of the attention being given this topic and the importance of the Community-wide analytical and collection program now underway, I recommend that you inform the NFIB principals of your intention to release an unclassified statement on civil defense prior to doing so. Some contact with those members of Congress who have been pushing hard for an unclassified release would also seem to be in order. */s/ R. G. Aspin*

3. We are prepared to do whatever more you may wish on this matter. It is the fragmentary nature of the data in hand and the lack of any valid method for extrapolating them to the country as a whole that has restrained our response to your draft proposal and not disagreement with your aims or approach.

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